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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hisaaki OGURI et al.

Application No.: Continuation of Appln. :

No. 09/388,372, filed )

September 1, 1999 :

Filed: January 31, 2002 :

For: POSITION DETECTION )  
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PLURALITY OF DETECTION )  
SECTIONS, AND EXPOSURE )  
APPARATUS :

Prior Examiner: K. Brown

Prior Group Art Unit: 2851

January 31, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please insert before the first line the following paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of copending application no. 09/388,372, filed

September 1, 1999, and allowed on October 23, 2001. --

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